2 GROUPS ANALYZE KENNEDY MURDER

Warren Unit Critics Scored by U.C.L.A. Project Head

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LOS ANGELES, Oct. 22 — Lingering doubts about the circumstances surrounding President Kennedy's assassination are being analyzed at the University of California at Los Angeles Law School by two teams of researchers.

The teams are working under the direction of Wesley J. Liebeler, an acting professor at the law school, who served as an assistant counsel on the staff of the Warren Commission, which released a massive report on the assassination.

Mr. Liebeler said this week that the study had been prompted by two books that sharply criticized the Warren Commission report, "Rush to Judgment" by Mark Lane and "Inquest" by Edward Jay Epstein.

Though Mr. Liebeler has criticized some of the methods and findings of the commission staff, he has, in general, supported the commission's conclusions. During a recent speaking tour of Southern California by Mr. Lane, he and Mr. Liebeler engaged in heated public exchanges.

Slander Suit Threatened

"Mr. Lane said on a local television show that he was suing me for slander," Mr. Liebeler said. "But I have never been served with papers. Nor has he ever agreed to engage me in public debate."

Twenty students at the U.C.L.A. Law School are participating in one aspect of Mr. Liebeler's study. Each will investigate a facet of the assassination, analyzing such questions as these:

Did Oswald kill Officer J. D. Tippit?

What was the evidence of Oswald's rifle capability?

Was Oswald at the window of the Texas School Book Depository at the time of the assassination?

Meanwhile, three other teaching assistants are working under Mr. Liebeler's direction on an analysis of the criticisms advanced by the Lane and Epstein books.

The assistants' salaries are being paid by the U.C.L.A. Law School, he said, and the three will probably go to Washington to examine the Warren Commission's working papers, which have been secreted in the National Archives. According to Mr. Liebeler, these records may be made available for outside analysis in the next two months.

Mr. Liebeler said he was writing a book analyzing the Warren Commission's work and the criticisms by Lane and Epstein.

Objective Work Urged

"What is needed at this point is one piece of work which sets forth both sides objectively," Mr. Liebeler said. "Lane doesn't. Epstein doesn't.

"There is evidence in the records not entirely reflected in the text of the Warren report. That doesn't mean it wasn't considered. It needs to be put in one short, concise place so that the readers can then make up their own minds."

Mr. Liebeler supports the basic commission conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald was the assassin and that he acted alone. He says he has found 15 instances in the Lane work in which the author allegedly misstated or distorted the record.

Mr. Liebeler, a 35-year-old graduate of the University of Chicago Law School, wrote the chapter dealing with Oswald's background and possible motives in the Warren Commission report and says he also wrote part of another chapter about possible conspiracy. He believes there was sufficient evidence to have convicted Oswald of murder had he lived.